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PARTICIPANT NAME
SCHOOL
ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear (PARTICIPANT NAME),

Congratulations! You have been chosen by the superintendent of your district to join us at the Old State Capitol on Oct. 30 to celebrate the culmination of the Mock Election. You will be greeted at the gates of the 1882 statehouse by excited staff members from my office and Cox Communications.

As part of the event, you will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Take pictures with life size cutouts of your favorite presidential candidate.
- Bring a decorated top hat and enter a contest to win an American Express gift card valued at up to \$200 (contest details enclosed).
- Cast a ballot for your favorite presidential candidate.

***** Important Note: Please do not vote with your class as you will not be allowed to vote again. Also, please get a PIN from the person coordinating the mock election at your school to bring with you. If you do not have this number you will not be able to vote at the event.***

- Eat lunch while enjoying entertainment on the grounds of the Old State Capitol.
- Take part in a convention-style atmosphere with guest speakers.
- Announce your parish's results.
- Take part in the grand finale when the state's totals are released.

Please be prepared as you may be approached by news media for an interview.

In addition we have ordered you a Mock Election T-Shirt, which you will receive at the event upon checking in. Enclosed is a map of downtown Baton Rouge highlighting the areas where parking will be available.

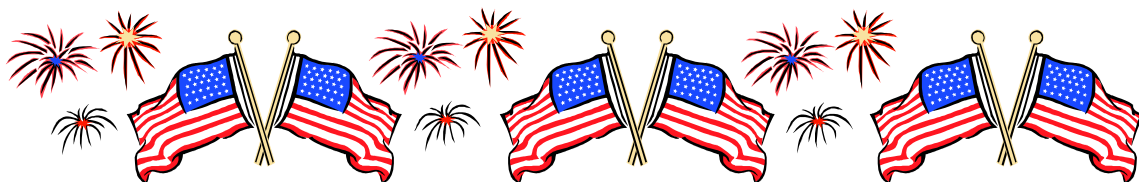
If you need more information please call the Outreach Division at 225.342.4479. Thank you for participating in this fantastic opportunity and I hope this experience will inspire you to become a lifelong voter.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Dardenne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, prominent loop at the beginning.

Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State



2008 National Student/Parent Mock Election Celebration Event Oct. 30, 2008



Secretary of State Jay Dardenne, in partnership with Cox Communications and the National Student/Parent Mock Election, invites one high school boy and one high school girl from each school district to a celebration event at the Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge on Oct. 30, 2008. Below you will find a brief overview of the fun and excitement planned for the event. We hope to see you there!

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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| *Check-in | Participants will receive name tags, T-shirts and goodie bags at this time. |
| *Smile for the Camera ☺ | Participants will have the opportunity to take pictures with life size cutouts of their favorite presidential candidate. |
| *Register to Vote | Participants will complete a voter registration card before they cast their ballots. |
| *Vote | Participants will cast votes for their favorite presidential candidates. |

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

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| *Lunch | Participants will be provided lunch to enjoy on the grounds of the Old State Capitol. Entertainment will also be provided! |
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11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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| *Main Event | Participants will convene in the Old State Capitol House Chamber and partake in a convention style atmosphere. Guest speakers will highlight the importance of voting while inspiring participants to become lifelong voters and actively participate in the democratic process. |
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State level mock election results will be released as part of the grand finale.

News media will be present for the Event.

National Student/Parent Mock Election 2008 Celebration Event - Oct. 30



Old State Capitol - Event Location



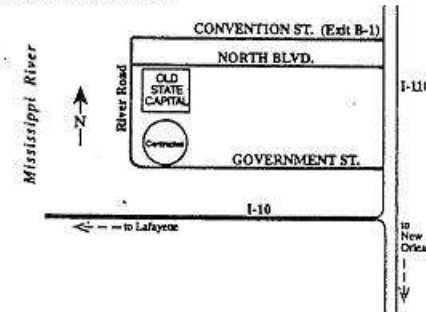
Parking at Baton Rouge River Center
Garage - Cost \$5



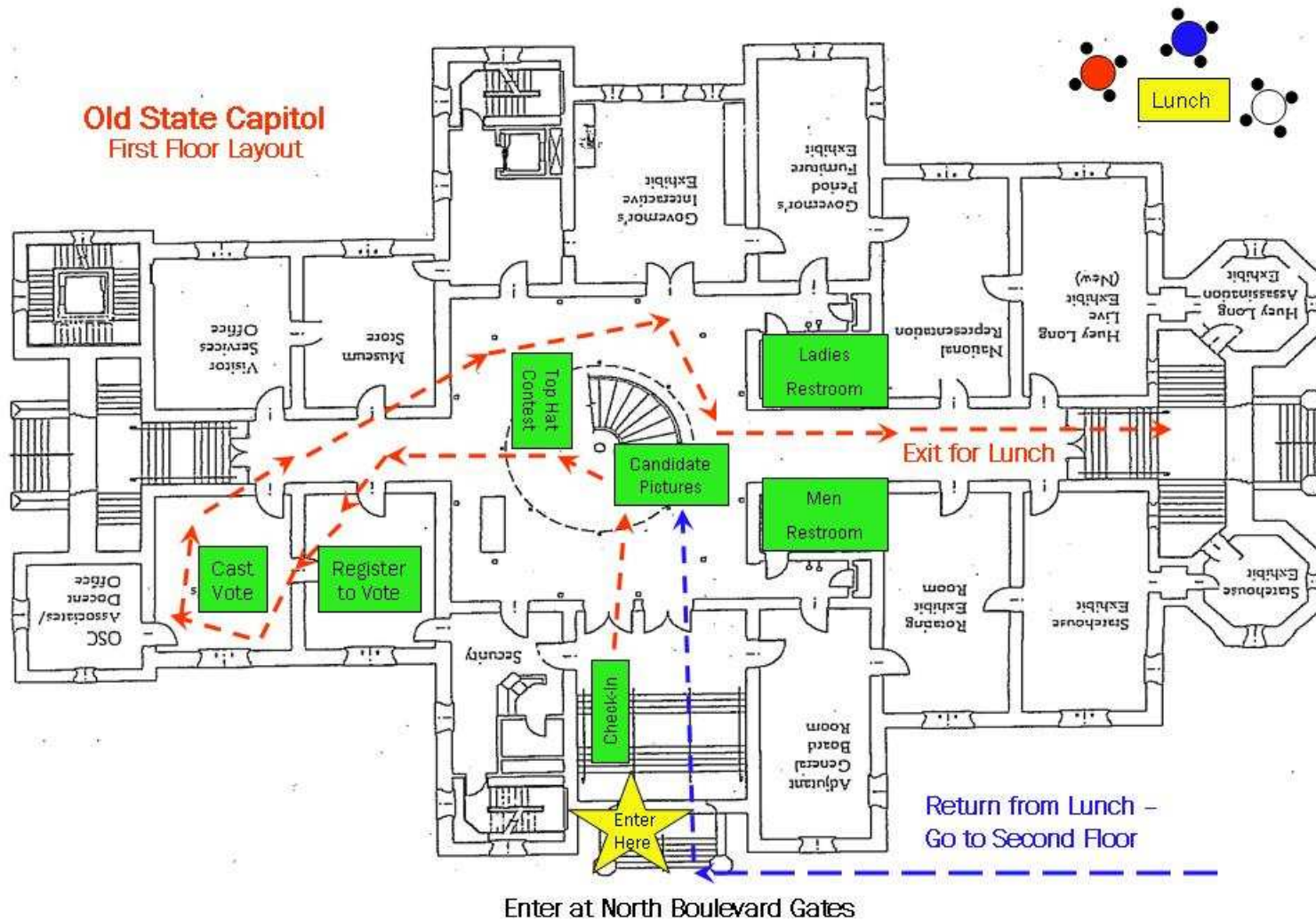
Parking at Third Street and
Convention Street Garage - Cost \$3

DIRECTIONS TO THE LOUISIANA OLD STATE CAPITOL

Take Exit B-1 (Convention Street)
Turn Left at River Road to North Blvd.
Located at 100 North Blvd.
Phone: 225.342.0500



National Student/Parent Mock Election 2008
Celebration Event - Oct. 30





Want a chance to show off your political spirit? Enter the **Presidential Mock Election 2008 Hat Contest**



Contest Rules:

- Each student is allowed to submit one hat into the hat competition
- Hats must be wearable and can be any shape or size as long as they incorporate a patriotic theme (themes can include: U.S. or Louisiana government, history, voting, politics, Washington D.C. or a particular candidate)
- Hats must not have any inappropriate or vulgar materials, visuals or messages
- Hats must be submitted to the attendants at the hat display table at the Old State Capitol by 11 a.m. on October 30th
- Winners will be selected by the hat competition judging committee
- Prizes include a \$200 American Express Gift Card for the 1st Place winner, a \$100 American Express Gift Card for the 2nd Place winner and a \$50 American Express Gift Card for the 3rd Place winner
- Winners will be interviewed on Cox4 and pictures will be displayed on www.cox.com/community
- Contact Arianne Bellizaire (arianne.bellizaire@cox.com or 225-237-5137) with any questions.





Presidential Mock Election 2008



GeauxVote Video Contest

GeauxVote.com is an on-going program to encourage and support voting in Louisiana. The **GeauxVote Video Contest** is designed to allow student video buffs the opportunity to film a **30 second "Geaux Vote" spot** which will appear on YouTube and could become a PSA on cable systems across Louisiana!

Contest winners receive **Best Buy gift certificates, valued at up to \$500!**

Entering is easy!

Prior to **4 p.m. CST on October 24, 2008:**

1. Uplink the video to the GeauxVote video group on YouTube at www.youtube.com/group/geauxvotevideo.
2. Complete and submit the entry form found on the website at www.cox.com/GreaterLouisiana/Community/GeauxVote.asp.

All videos must:

1. Be 30-seconds long.
2. Mention "Geaux Vote" and fit with the appropriateness and intents of the GeauxVote program.
3. Be submitted in avi, mov, mpg or wmv format.

Videos will be judged on:

1. Creative concept
2. Message clarity and relevance including sound and dialogue
3. Motivation and inspiration
4. Overall impact

The complete rules can be found at www.cox.com/greaterlouisiana.

If you have a question, email or call Ann Ruble, Cox's Public Affairs Manager at ann.ruble@cox.com or 225-237-5141.

National Student/Parent Mock Election 2008 Louisiana Ballot

Make your choice for President of the United States.
(Vote for one)

<input type="radio"/>	a) Barack Obama (D)	
<input type="radio"/>	b) John McCain (R)	
<input type="radio"/>	c) Chuck Baldwin (Constitution Party)	
<input type="radio"/>	d) Bob Barr (L)	
<input type="radio"/>	e) Cynthia McKinney (G)	
<input type="radio"/>	f) Ralph Nader (ind.)	
<input type="radio"/>	g) Write in:	

Senator and House of Representatives Ballot

Make your choice for Senator. Vote for one.

- ☐ a) Mary Landrieu (D) (i)
- ☐ b) John Kennedy (R)
- ☐ c) Richard Fontanesi (L)
- ☐ d) Jay Patel (No party)
- ☐ e) Robert Stewart (Other)

Make your choice for House of Representatives.
(Vote according to your district)

- ☐ **District 1** - a) Jim Harlan (D)
- ☐ **District 1** - b) Steve Scalise (R) (i)
- ☐ **District 2** - a) William Jefferson (D)
- ☐ **District 2** - b) Helena Moreno (D)
- ☐ **District 2** - c) Jerry Jacobs (no party)
- ☐ **District 2** - d) Gregory Kahn (L)
- ☐ **District 2** - e) Malik Rahim (G)
- ☐ **District 3** - a) Charlie Melancon (D) (i)
- ☐ **District 4** - a) Willie Banks (D)
- ☐ **District 4** - b) Paul Carmouche (D)
- ☐ **District 4** - c) John Fleming (R)
- ☐ **District 4** - d) Chris Gorman (R)
- ☐ **District 4** - e) Gerard Bowen Jr. (Other)
- ☐ **District 4** - f) Chester Kelley (No party)
- ☐ **District 5** - a) Rodney Alexander (R) (i)
- ☐ **District 6** - a) Don Cazayoux (D) (i)
- ☐ **District 6** - b) Bill Cassidy (R)
- ☐ **District 6** - c) Michael Jackson (no party)
- ☐ **District 7** - a) Donald Cravins Jr. (D)
- ☐ **District 7** - b) Charles Boustany Jr. (R) (i)
- ☐ **District 7** - c) Peter Vidrine (Constitution Party)

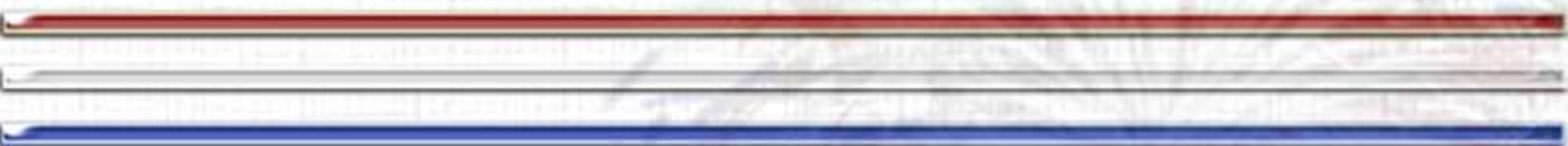
Issues Ballot

1. If you are a student, what grade are you in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st | <input type="checkbox"/> 8th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd | <input type="checkbox"/> 9th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4th | <input type="checkbox"/> 11th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5th | <input type="checkbox"/> 12th |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6th | <input type="checkbox"/> No response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7th | |

2. In your opinion, how important is it for the government to focus on the following issues in the next four years?

	Absolutely Critical	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Not Sure
The cost and quality of health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The economy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The educational system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Global climate change and the environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The high cost of energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The war in Afghanistan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The war in Iraq	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>












Issues Ballot, continued

3. The government is limited to how much money it can raise through taxes. In your opinion, which one of these issues would government spending help the most?

- ☐ The cost and quality of health care
- ☐ The economy
- ☐ The educational system
- ☐ Global climate change and the environment
- ☐ The high cost of energy
- ☐ National security
- ☐ The war in Afghanistan
- ☐ The war in Iraq

Past Presidents Ballot

If miracles could happen, which one of the following Presidents would you want to lead the nation?

<input type="radio"/>	a) George Washington	
<input type="radio"/>	b) Thomas Jefferson	
<input type="radio"/>	c) Abraham Lincoln	
<input type="radio"/>	d) Teddy Roosevelt	
<input type="radio"/>	e) Franklin Roosevelt	
<input type="radio"/>	f) Harry S. Truman	
<input type="radio"/>	g) Dwight D. Eisenhower	
<input type="radio"/>	h) John F. Kennedy	
<input type="radio"/>	i) Ronald Reagan	
<input type="radio"/>	j) Bill Clinton	